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1. LABOR DEPT. TEAM INITIATIVE, AS REFLECTED IN REFTELS, IS TO BE COMMENDED. BELIEVE SUBJECT PROJECT BEING DEVELOPED WITH THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WILL BE OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO THE SAG AND WILL, PERHAPS, BE THE THING WHICH REALLY GETS THE JOINT COMMISSION INTO AN OPERATIONAL MODE.

2. DOL TEAM OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSIST SAG PREPARATION OF PROJECT REQUEST. IT SHOULD ALSO NEGOTIATE ACTION PLAN AND SCHEDULE, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE OF APPROPRIATE SAG AND USG AGENCIES. WHILE PROJECT AND COST ESTIMATES MUST BE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BEFORE TRUST ACCOUNT MONIES CAN BE EXPENDED, SUB-PROJECT ACTIVITIES CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND MAY BE APPROVED FOR FUNDING BEFORE COMPLETE PROJECT WITH ALL COMPONENTS IS AGREED UPON. FOR EXAMPLE,
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SPECIFIC VOCATIONAL TRAINERS REQUESTED BY SAG FOR EARLY

ARRIVAL COULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH COST ESTIMATES, MUTUALLY APPROVED, FUNDED FROM TRUST ACCOUNT, AND RECRUITMENT BEGUN BEFORE THE TOTAL PROJECT IS APPROVED AND FUNDED.

3. IN ORDER FOR THE USG TO RESPOND TO SAG PRIORITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND IN DOL PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL DATED APRIL 4, 1975 (PAGES 5 THROUGH 13), A SEPARATE MESSAGE SHOULD BE RECEIVED IDENTIFYING SAG'S MOST URGENT REQUESTS AND INCLUDING DATA SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4.

4. PROJECT AND SUB-PROJECT SAG REQUESTS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AT A MINIMUM, ON WORK TO BE PERFORMED OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS:

A. STATEMENT OF OVERALL SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT OR SUB-PROJECTS;

B. NUMBER OF U.S. PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO SAUDI ARABIA DURING NEXT TWELVE MONTHS;

C. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS OF U.S. PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED IN REF. B AND OTHER PERSONNEL;

D. TARGET ARRIVAL DATES OF U.S. PERSONNEL AND ANTICIPATED DURATION OF ASSIGNMENTS;

E. PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES;

F. APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF SAG MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND SAUDI COORDINATOR DR. MANSOOR AL-TURKY.

5. REGARDING INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN REF. (B) DEPT. LABOR MAKING CONCENTRATED EFFORT COMPLETE STEPS NECESSARY APPOINT AS MEMBERS DOLITAC AUXILIARY.
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6. CONCERNING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES REFERRED TO IN REF (A). TREASURY AND LABOR ARE EXPLORING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR INVOLVING USG AGENCIES WHICH IN TURN MAY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR.

7. WITH REGARD TO HOUSING DISCUSSED IN REF. C, BELIEVE

IT IS PREMATURE TO SIGN HOUSING LEASES BEFORE THE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT HAS BEEN AGREED TO. IN
ANY EVENT, BEFORE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION CAN BE
GRANTED, TREASURY WILL NEED TO KNOW TERMS OF LEASE,
ASKING PRICE, ETC. THE HOUSING QUESTION SHOULD BE
DISCUSSED WITH MCFADDEN WHO IS NOW IN SAUDI ARABIA. INGERSOLL

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